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## Monthly Newsletter

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*President - Stephen Schmidt Vice President - Don Ashley Secretary - Pat Koppel Treasurer - Dick Jackson*

## *The President's Dispatch*

It's Sunday and another HOLPEX has come and gone over the last couple of days.

But before I recap HOLPEX 2017 I want to address our meeting in April. That meeting was on Apr. 20 and it focused on the final details preparing for HOLPEX and as HOLPEX is now past I will not bore you with the planning details. Our Treasurer, Richard Jackson, gave a report on the efforts of the club's stamp buying team. The club member purchases of the lots the buying team brought to meetings has kept the club in the black as of this report and the club gave the buying team a new authorization of funds to continue their efforts. I then gave a brief presentation on stamp collecting tools and supplies, which I find useful. I am planning on another brief presentation during our May meeting on a new topic.

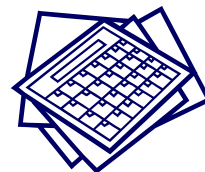


Now HOLPEX 2017—This year's show had some very interesting exhibits, five dealers and excellent attendance. We had more than 40 people attend the show each day. This was the most we have had in the seven years I have been a member. This may be due to the publicity we received in the Johnson City and Bristol newspapers plus brief spots on WJHL and WCYB television shows. The club 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary cachet covers sold well during the show and will be available to club members at the next couple of monthly meetings (\$3.00 each or two for \$5.00). Or, you can contact Dennis Bowman at [dbo\\_4855@yahoo.com](mailto:dbo_4855@yahoo.com) or (423) 256-2794 if you would like to purchase a cover or two.

The show, in my opinion, was a great success and plans are already in the works for another successful show next year.

This is probably one of the shortest President's Dispatches I have done, but, I have some other information to share.

## *Club Calendar*



*Guests and Visitors  
always Welcome!*

**May 18th - 7 p.m.**  
**Monthly Meeting**

Here is some stamp trivia you may not know about.

***The largest and smallest post offices in the world are located in the USA.***

The world's largest post office is the head post office in Chicago, Illinois. The smallest post office in the world is located in Ochopee, Florida.

***Can you believe cats were used to deliver the mail!***

I have heard of many different types of animals being used to deliver mail - camels, reindeer, horses, dogs, pigeons but CATS? Well it's true. In 1879 the city of Liege in Belgium employed 37 cats to carry bundles of letters to villages. This service didn't last long though as the cats prove to be thoroughly undisciplined.

***Great Britain is the only country which issues its stamps without its name printed on them.***

All Universal Postal Union member countries are required to have their country name in Latin letters on stamps intended for international mail. The United Kingdom of Great Britain (England, Wales and Scotland), also known as UK or Great Britain, however was granted an exemption in 1874 from this requirement and instead has the profile of the British monarch on its stamps because Great Britain was the very first country to issue pre-paid postage stamps. In 1921 the United Kingdom of Great Britain expanded to include newly formed Northern Ireland when Ireland was partitioned.

*Steve*

## Memories of HOLPEX 2017



## Monthly Treasury Report

Beginning Balance Apr. 1, 2017	\$3,087.73
Beginning Cash on Hand	\$3,076.69
checking account balance	\$2,380.39
cash box	\$696.30
Total Income for Apr.	\$148.95
HSC Auction sales	\$148.95

### Total Disbursements for Apr. (\$179.10)

APS Circuit sales expenses	(\$6.80)
100 cachet covers (HOLPEX)	(\$54.00)
newsletter expenses	(\$6.30)
stamps for HOLPEX covers	(\$14.00)
stamps for HOLPEX covers	(\$98.00)

Ending Balance May 1, 2017 \$3,046.54

Ending Cash on hand May 1, 2017 \$3,060.65

checking account balance	\$2,706.63
cash box	\$354.02

Uncleared checks / Adjustment (\$14.11)

*FYI. Six members sold items totaling \$203.85 at the special auction.*



## More of HOLPEX 2017



Unless otherwise indicated  
by announcement in the newsletter,  
Holston Stamp Club conducts its regular  
meeting on the 3rd Thursday  
each month at 7 p.m.

**Hope to C. U. there**

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Holston Stamp Club Special Auction – Lot Owner List

Owner Name \_\_\_\_\_, Owner Initials xx \_\_\_\_\_ Please print or type.

Owner Initials xx	Lot #	Catalog # and/or Description	Catalog Value	Catalog Used	Minimum Bid \$	Winning Bidder #	Winning Bid \$
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